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SUBJ: COMMENTS OF AOU ASSISTANT SEC GEN ON PORTUGUESE
DECOLONIZATION

1. AOU ASSISTANT SEC GEN DJOUDI TOLL ME AUG 2, THAT AOU CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT PORTUGAL DECOLONIZATION ACTION IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA PROCEED QUICKLY. ONE REASON HE OFFERED IS THAT OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME THERE WILL BE GREATER LIKELIHOOD THAT WHITE SETTLERS IN THESE AREAS COULD TRY TO ESTABLISH A RHODESIAN-TYPE REGIME. SECOND REASON IS THAT COMMUNIST PARTY NOW APPEARS QUITE STRONG IN PORTUGAL AND TENSIONS THEREBY CREATED MIGHT CONCEIVABLY LEAD TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A REACTIONARY REGIME IN PORTUGAL. DJOUDI SUGGESTED THAT PORTUGAL COULD DO AS FRENCH HAD DONE IN ALGERIA AND TURN OVER AUTHORITY
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TO FRELIMO AS A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

2. DJOUDI THOUGHT US COULD HELP PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS PRINCIPALLY BY URGING PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO MOVE RAPIDLY FORWARD AND BY HELPING TO PREVENT SOUTH AFRICA FROM CONTRIBUTING TO A U.D.I. BY WHITE SETTLERS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA.

3. DJOUDI SAID THAT PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES HAS SOME TIME AGO MADE DISCREET INQUIRIES THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSION PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION WITH OAU. THIS MATTER HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT OAU MOGADISCIO SUMMIT, WHERE IT WAS DECIDED TO REPLY THAT OAU WOULD WELCOME A FORMAL APPROACH, IN WHICH CASE SOARES WOULD BE INVITED VISIT ADDIS. DJOUDI SAID THAT THIS RESPONSE HAS NOT YET BEEN CONVEYED TO SOARES BECAUSE OF IMMINENT CHANGE OF SECRETARY GENERAL.

4. DJOUDI ALSO INDICATED THAT EKANGAKI AND ETERI HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT THAT LATTER WILL HANDLE ANY REALLY SERIOUS OAU MATTERS WHICH ARISE PRIOR TO FORMAL TRANSFER ON SEPTEMBER 1. DJOUDI IS JOINING ETEKI ON LATTER'S VISIT TO ALGIERS AUG 3.

5. DJOUDI EXPRESSED OPINION THAT CERTAINLY ALGERIA AND PROBABLY ALL AFRICAN STATES WOULD PROMPTLY ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AS SOON AS INDEPENDENCE GRANTED TO GUINEA-BISSAU, MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA. HE INDICATED COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH PORTUGUESE INTENTION OF GRANTING GUINEA-BISSAU INDEPENDENCE BUT LEAVING STATUS OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS FOR LATER RESOLUTION.
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